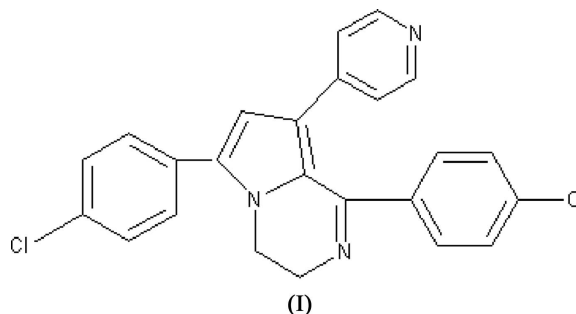
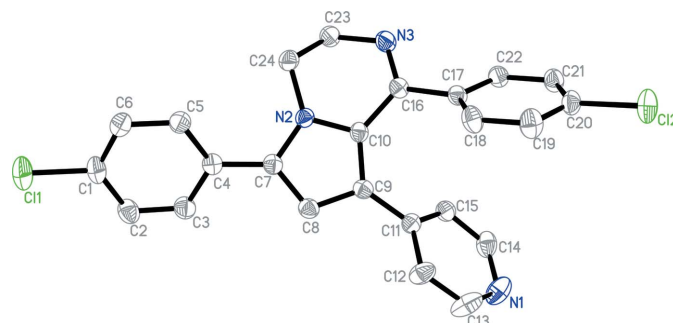


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hailiang\_zhu@163.com**Key indicators**Single-crystal X-ray study  
 $T = 298$  K  
Mean  $\sigma(\text{C}-\text{C}) = 0.006$  Å  
 $R$  factor = 0.076  
 $wR$  factor = 0.174  
Data-to-parameter ratio = 13.6For details of how these key indicators were  
automatically derived from the article, see  
<http://journals.iucr.org/e>.**1,6-Bis(4-chlorophenyl)-8-(4-pyridyl)-3,4-dihydro-  
pyrrolo[1,2-a]pyrazine**In the crystal structure of the title compound,  $\text{C}_{24}\text{H}_{17}\text{Cl}_2\text{N}_3$ , the two benzene rings and the pyridyl group lie in a propeller arrangement around the central ring system, thereby minimizing steric effects among these rings.Received 9 February 2006  
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As part of the structural characterization of multi-ring compounds, we report here the structure of the title compound, (I).



In (I), all bond lengths are within normal ranges (Allen *et al.*, 1987) (Fig. 1). The  $\text{C16}=\text{N3}$  bond length of 1.290 (5) Å conforms to the value for a double bond. The bond lengths of 1.372 (5) and 1.387 (5) Å for  $\text{C7}=\text{C8}$  and  $\text{C9}=\text{C10}$  are greater than that for a double bond and less than the value for a single bond because of conjugation effects in the molecule. The two benzene rings and the pyridyl group lie in a propeller arrangement around the central ring system, thereby minimizing steric effects among these rings. The pyrazine ring adopts a sofa conformation, with  $\text{C23}$  displaced by 0.62 (4) Å from the plane of the other five atoms. The dihedral angle between the planes of the pyridyl and pyrrole rings is 41.9 (5)°. Benzene rings  $\text{C1}-\text{C6}$  and  $\text{C17}-\text{C22}$  form dihedral angles of 35.2 (5) and 58.3 (5)°, respectively, with the pyrrole ring.

**Figure 1**

The structure of (I), showing 30% probability displacement ellipsoids and the atom-numbering scheme. H atoms have been omitted.

## Experimental

The title compound was synthesized by the reaction of equivalent amounts of (*E*)-1-(4-chlorophenyl)-3-(4-pyridyl)prop-2-en-1-one, 1,2-diaminoethanone and 1-(4-chlorophenyl)ethanone in an ethanol solution for 8 h at 373–383 K. Single crystals suitable for X-ray diffraction analysis were obtained by evaporation of an acetone solution.

### Crystal data

$C_{24}H_{17}Cl_2N_3$	$D_x = 1.371 \text{ Mg m}^{-3}$
$M_r = 418.31$	Mo $K\alpha$ radiation
Monoclinic, $P2_1/n$	Cell parameters from 2865 reflections
$a = 10.450 (2) \text{ \AA}$	$\theta = 5.0\text{--}12.5^\circ$
$b = 10.495 (2) \text{ \AA}$	$\mu = 0.34 \text{ mm}^{-1}$
$c = 18.938 (4) \text{ \AA}$	$T = 298 (2) \text{ K}$
$\beta = 102.73 (3)^\circ$	Block, brown
$V = 2026.0 (7) \text{ \AA}^3$	$0.42 \times 0.15 \times 0.07 \text{ mm}$
$Z = 4$	

### Data collection

Bruker SMART APEX area-detector diffractometer	3553 independent reflections
$\omega$ scans	2670 reflections with $I > 2\sigma(I)$
Absorption correction: multi-scan (SADABS; Sheldrick, 1996)	$R_{\text{int}} = 0.043$
$T_{\text{min}} = 0.935$ , $T_{\text{max}} = 0.967$	$\theta_{\text{max}} = 25.0^\circ$
8122 measured reflections	$h = -12 \rightarrow 12$
	$k = -12 \rightarrow 12$
	$l = -15 \rightarrow 22$

### Refinement

Refinement on $F^2$	$w = 1/[\sigma^2(F_o^2) + (0.0608P)^2 + 1.6146P]$
$R[F^2 > 2\sigma(F^2)] = 0.077$	where $P = (F_o^2 + 2F_c^2)/3$
$wR(F^2) = 0.174$	$(\Delta\sigma)_{\text{max}} = 0.027$
$S = 1.13$	$\Delta\rho_{\text{max}} = 0.33 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$
3553 reflections	$\Delta\rho_{\text{min}} = -0.20 \text{ e \AA}^{-3}$
262 parameters	
H-atom parameters constrained	

**Table 1**

Selected geometric parameters ( $\text{\AA}$ ,  $^\circ$ ).

C7–C8	1.372 (5)	C14–N1	1.324 (6)
C7–N2	1.379 (4)	C16–N3	1.290 (5)
C9–C10	1.387 (5)	C23–N3	1.458 (5)
C10–N2	1.370 (4)	C24–N2	1.459 (5)
C11–C12	1.385 (5)		
C8–C9–C10–C16	174.7 (4)	C16–C10–N2–C24	5.5 (5)
N3–C16–C17–C22	−43.4 (5)	C8–C7–N2–C24	177.9 (4)

All H atoms were placed in geometrically idealized positions and constrained to ride on their parent atoms, with C–H = 0.93–0.97  $\text{\AA}$ , and with  $U_{\text{iso}}(\text{H}) = 1.2U_{\text{eq}}(\text{C})$ .

Data collection: *SMART* (Bruker, 1998); cell refinement: *SAINTE* (Bruker, 1998); data reduction: *SAINTE*; program(s) used to solve structure: *SHELXS97* (Sheldrick, 1997a); program(s) used to refine structure: *SHELXL97* (Sheldrick, 1997a); molecular graphics: *SHELXTL* (Sheldrick, 1997b); software used to prepare material for publication: *SHELXTL*.

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